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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Welzow Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. On 3 March 1950 several Welzow (N 42/A 44) streets were evacuated by the civilian population for an expected occupation by allegedly 2,000 Soviet Air Force troops.

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2. There was no flying at the field between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 8 March 1950. Trucks loaded with boards, left the field. Some soldiers wearing blue service color were seen in the cantonment buildings south of the field. Four large gasoline drums, which were apparently to be dug in, were nearby. The landing field could not be seen as it was strictly guarded by patrols wearing blue service color. construction work was being done at the field but that no aircraft were parked there.

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Comment :

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The Welzow airfield has so far been unoccupied.

preparations are apparently being made at the field for occupation by an air unit.

As fighter units are stationed only at airfields with hard-surface runways, it is assumed that the Welzow airfield, which does not have such a runway, is scheduled to be occupied by a ground-attack or bomber unit.

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